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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize and honor the 106th  
4 anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,  
5 Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter  
6 fraternity established for African-Americans; and

7           WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on  
8 December 4, 1906, by seven young men, respectfully known as the  
9 Seven Jewels, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

10           WHEREAS, Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman,  
11 Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison  
12 Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, the  
13 founders of the Fraternity, recognized the need for a strong  
14 bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The aims of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity are  
17 manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; and

18           WHEREAS, The mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is to  
19 develop leaders and promote brotherhood and academic  
20 excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our  
21 communities; and

1           WHEREAS, For 106 years, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has  
2 played a fundamental role in the positive development of the  
3 character and education of more than 200,000 men; and

4           WHEREAS, The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha have shared  
5 countless friendships and a common belief in the founding  
6 ideals of the fraternity; and

7           WHEREAS, Alumni from Alpha Phi Alpha include many  
8 noteworthy leaders in the areas of government, business,  
9 entertainment, science, and higher education; and

10           WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has 364 college  
11 campus chapters and 337 alumni chapters in the United States of  
12 America, the District of Columbia, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean,  
13 and Europe and 138 Chapters in the Midwestern Region, including  
14 30 in the District of Illinois; the Theta Chapter (1910) and  
15 the Xi Lambda Chapter (1924), both of Chicago, were the first  
16 college and alumni chapters, respectively, in the State of  
17 Illinois; and

18           WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to enrich  
19 the lives of its members, who, in turn, provide service and  
20 advocacy for the communities with a commitment to service and  
21 the uplifting of humanity; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we recognize and honor the 106th anniversary of the founding of  
4           the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That we commend all Alpha Phi Alpha brothers,  
6           past and present, for their bond of friendship, common ideals  
7           and beliefs, and service to the community; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That we express our best wishes for the Alpha Phi  
9           Alpha Fraternity's continued success and growth; and be it  
10          further

11          RESOLVED, That December 4, 2012 is officially proclaimed as  
12          Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the Great State of Illinois; and be it  
13          further

14          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15          delivered to the Midwestern Regional Vice President and the  
16          Assistant Vice President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,  
17          Incorporated, the Illinois District Director of Alpha Phi Alpha  
18          Fraternity, Incorporated, the Assistant Illinois District  
19          Director and the Presidents of the 30 College and Alumni  
20          Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated of the  
21          Great District of Illinois.